

# TPNELA

**To:** Pharmacies, Physicians and Renal Dialysis Facilities

**Re: Statement of Medical Necessity**

This Alert is a clarification to the previous alert sent on 8-21-2005 regarding TPN and IDPN and the 'Statement of Medical Necessity'.

**Statement of Medical Necessity**

The ordering physician will be responsible for writing a statement of medical necessity. This statement shall certify that the patient cannot be maintained on oral or enteral feedings and that due to severe pathology of the alimentary tract either hyperalimentation or IDPN/IPN must be given for 100% of nutritional needs. **Exception: Infants/children with short bowel syndrome (short gut) when treatment requires a combination of parenteral and enteral nutritional support in order to wean from TPN.** The original signed statement of medical necessity must be kept in the patient's medical record. This certification statement must be written or stamped on the prescription or reproduced on a form accompanying the prescription. The statement must be signed and dated by the certifying physician at the time of each order.

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